



THE CHICAGO FLYER
Newsletter of the Chicagoland
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THE NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of C A S G will be **Friday, January 20, 2012**. It will be convened in the American Legion Room, Second Floor, Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois. Use the **North** (Maple Street) entrance to the building. The gathering time will start around 7:00 P. M.; the formal business meeting at 8:00 P. M.

RENEWAL TIME:

Your C A S G membership renewal for 2012 is due! Many of you have already paid. For those of you who have not, a renewal form was included with this newsletter. And **please**, if you have an e-mail address and not yet provided it to the club, do so with this renewal. Not only does the club save money by being able to send as many newsletters as possible electronically, but it also allows us send it in color to those with e-mail, and to send out news and other club communications between newsletters that we would be near impossible without e-mail.

Dues are \$ 20.00. If your renewal is not received by March 1, 2012, renewals include a late fee of \$2.00, total \$22.00.

JANUARY MEETING FEATURE:

Did you received a special train item for Christmas in 2011? If so, bring it to the January meeting for a "Show and Tell" session. We will break the fellowship time at about 7:30 and everyone one with an item will be given a chance to present it. That will be followed by a time that members can get together around a particular item and ask questions.

GETTING TO KNOW US:

Chuck Mosier joined the ranks fo the C A S G just a few years ago and become one of most active members participating with the club in virtually every meeting and event. He has long been an American Flyer devotee and boasts an extensive collection fo both Gilbert and Lionel Flyer.

Chuck, now retired, spent his career as a carpenter, often working in new construction and sometimes at trade shows in McCormick Place.

Chuck is a life long bachelor. Besides American Flyer, he enjoys collecting records and videos. He does do rail fanning from time to time.

ART DOTY:

At the Un-Boxing Day, we gave a call to **Art** and several of us spoke to him. He is recovering well and in good spirits, although he is getting antsy and wants to start getting out. Take is easy Art, all in good time.

PHIL KOSIN:

Some of you will remember this former C A S G member who passed away a couple of years ago. He had an extremely large collection of S trains. All of his trains have been placed with an auction house. **Joel Weber** has sold much of the track from his large layout. There is some Gilbert track and American Models sectional and flex track. Joel will be informed the dates of the auctions where Phil's trains will be sold and let us know. There were some very unique items in his collection and some of us are interested in those pieces.

PLAYING WITH TRAINS:

Joel Weber's monthly Sunday afternoon train operating sessions have resumed for 2011-2012. The first Sunday of each month, Joel's layout is open from 1:00 to 4:00 P. M. for operating American Flyer and Hi-Rail trains. His layout is AC and/or Legacy/TMCC operation. Bring a train to run. Bring a friend.

UNBOXING DAY:

Several members came out on December 26th for Un-Boxing Day hosted by **Will and Kelly Holt** at their home in Hoffman Estates.

Bob Brown, Dick Bukowski, Bob Heldt and his wife, **Mac McGrath**, and **Joel Lebovitz** stopped in to run trains and feast on lasagna.

A couple of new Flyer Challengers were getting their first time on the track. While not new, **Bob Heldt** brought a couple of his scale brass diesels that had not been on the rails in many years.

HOME MEETINGS:

The home meeting schedule for 2012 is:

April 20
July 20
August 17
October 19

Things are shaping up such that the July and August meetings are close to set. So, we are looking for members to host the April and October meetings. Please call **Joel Weber** at 630-428-3917 if you are willing to host one of these meetings.

Hopefully we can have a balance between northern, southern and western homes to make it easy for members at one extreme or another of the region to attend at least one of the home meetings.

CLUB SHIRTS AND BADGES:

Another shirt will be order list has been started. It will be placed when there are enough shirts on order. For prices, sizing and styles, contact **Joel Weber**.

A waiting list for badges for the next order has been started. The badges are no cost to members.

TRAIN SHOWS:

GREAT MIDWEST TRAIN SHOW:

The December show was a very busy one. The aisles were packed with attendees. **Joel Weber's** layout was mobbed all the time.

The January show had been an off-again, on-again event. Originally due to scheduling conflicts we had expected to cannel out of the show for this month, but at the last minute, Joel Weber's business trip postponed a week and we were able to participate. **Leigh Maginnis, Chuck Mosier, Skip Sanchez** and **Ray Santorini** assisted Joel with the layout and promoting the club.

We may see a couple more new members out of our participation in these shows.

The remaining shows planned for 2012 are:

June 3
September 9
December 9

Contact **Joel Weber** at 630-428-3917 or **Will Holt** at 630-881-9025. Five or six members in attendance give us enough staff to allow us to talk to the many people who stop by to see our layouts and learn more about S gauge.

Remember, if you participate with the club at the show, you receive free admission to the show and the club has a selling table for any members wishing to thin out their collections.

WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY ON TOUR SHOW

By the time you are seeing this, the Worlds' Greatest Hobby on Tour Show will be ended. We will have a great representation from the club for the show.

A full report will be in the next newsletter.

HIGH WHEELER 2012

The dates for this show are March 3-4, 2012. Set up will be the evening of March 2nd at 6:00 P. M. A sign up sheet will be available at meetings starting in

January. We anticipate using the modular layout for this show

ALL AMERICAN TRAIN SHOW

The tentative date for this show sponsored by the DuPage Division of N M R A is next March 17th. As is the case with the High Wheeler show, a sign up sheet will be available starting in January. We will probably use a small version of the modular layout or the two small layouts owned by members.

SOUTHLAND MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

The dates for the 2012 Southland show are expected to be late October. When the dates are final, we will publish them.

FALL S FEST 2010:

The Elgin, Joliet and Eastern box cars from our last S Fest are delayed into 2012, possibly into the second quarter.

Des Plaines has had little success in getting their tooling for trucks and couplers moved from Sanda Kan to one of their new builders. So, they have solicited quotes to do new tooling. When the new tooling is complete, a better time table can be established.

Des Plaines has assured us that the cars *will be made*. Our cars are a part of a production run that includes the first release of the old Pacific Rail Shops tooling for the 1937 A R A 40- and 50-foot box cars.

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UPCOMING S SCALE & C A S G EVENTS

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

January 20, 2012
Hinsdale, Illinois

2012 O SCALE WEST + S

February 9-11, 2012
Santa Clara, California

Sn3 SYMPOSIUM

February 16-18, 2012
Albuquerque, New Mexico

C A S G MONTHLY MEETING

February 17, 2012
Hinsdale, Illinois

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March 16, 2012
Hinsdale, Illinois

SPRING S SPREE

May 4-5, 2012
Dayton, Ohio

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF S GAUGERS
CONVENTION

August 7-11, 2012
Chattanooga, Tennessee

NATIONAL NARROW GAUGE CONVENTION

September 12-15, 2012
Bellevue, Washington

**! ! HINSDALE, ILLINOIS ! !
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AMERICAN LEGION ROOM
JANUARY 20, 2012
NEXT MEETING:**

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